Level 1

It's Play Time

Author: Neha Singh
Illustrator: Samidha Gunjal

My friends and I
are staging a play.

The monkeys are getting their long, brown tails fixed.

The writers are helping Sher Singh and Rani remember their lines.
“I am going to eat you,” growls Sher Singh.
“No no! Eat the gulab jamun instead,” said Rani.

The palace guards and dancers are practising their dance.
The dance teacher is helping them.

Oh no! A dancer has tripped
over the guard’s spear.

The first aid team rushes in.
Everyone is fine. Phew!

The audience is
coming into the hall.
We are so nervous!

But I cannot see my family!
Where are they?

Uh oh! My moustache is falling off.
The play is about to start.
What shall I do?

There they are!
I can see my family.

Wait and watch –
I will be the best Rajah ever!

Story Attribution:

This story: It's Play Time is written by Neha Singh . © Pratham Books , 2018. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license.

Other Credits:

'It's Play Time' has been published on StoryWeaver by Pratham Books. www.prathambooks.org; Guest editor - Andrew David Art director - Maithili Doshi

Images Attributions:

Cover page: A stage set up for a play, by Samidha Gunjal © Pratham Books, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 2: A girl standing behind a red curtain , by Samidha Gunjal © Pratham Books, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 3: School students dressing up for a play, by Samidha Gunjal © Pratham Books, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 4: School students in costume, practicing the play, by Samidha Gunjal © Pratham Books, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 5: School kids dancing on the stage before the play, by Samidha Gunjal © Pratham Books, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 6: A Girl dressed as a princess falling, by Samidha Gunjal © Pratham Books, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 7: Teacher helping the injured student with first aid on the stage, by Samidha Gunjal © Pratham Books, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 8: A girl standing behind a curtain, by Samidha Gunjal © Pratham Books, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 9: Families seating in a an auditorium for the play, by Samidha Gunjal © Pratham Books, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 10: A girl with a moustache, by Samidha Gunjal © Pratham Books, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license. Page 11: A family waving, by Samidha Gunjal © Pratham Books, 2017. Some rights reserved. Released under CC BY 4.0 license.

It's Play Time
(English)

Rahi and her classmates are getting ready for their school play. Everyone is excited and nervous about their performance. Will everything go as planned?

This is a Level 1 book for children who are eager to begin reading.